

# The Weekly News

## Pleasant Pellets for the Blues

### WHEN WE ARE DEAD

Some years ago a biography of Longfellow appeared. The author sent a copy to Richard Henry Stoddard with a suitable inscription on the flyleaf. Mr. Stoddard, of course, interested in everything pertaining to the poet, seated himself before the fire and spent two hours in going through the book. The work proved to be particularly strong on the anecdotal side, apparently not altogether to Mr. Stoddard's liking. Reaching the last page he turned back to the flyleaf, drew a pencil from his pocket, and without a pause wrote below the inscription: Lives of great men all inform us, That, when we are safely dead, Liars large, immense, enormous, Will write things we never said.

### A SHARP REPLY.

The celebrated English preacher, Rowland Hill, once read from his pulpit an anonymous letter telling him that our blessed Lord did not ride to church in a carriage, to which Mr. Hill replied that if the writer would come to him next Sunday saddled and bridled he would be glad to follow our Lord's example, [by riding on an ass].

### FALSELY ACCUSED.

The janitor in a school threw up his job. When asked what was the trouble, he said: "I'm honest, and I won't stand being slurred. If I find a pencil or handkerchief about the school when I'm sweeping I hang or put it up. Every little while the teacher or some one that is too cowardly to face me will give me a slur. Why, a little while ago I seen wrote on the board, 'Find the least common multiple.' Well, I looked from cellar to garret for that multiple, and I wouldn't know the thing if I would meet it on the street. Last night in big writin' on the blackboard it said, 'Find the greatest common divisor.' Well, I says to myself, both of them blamed things are lost now, and I'll be accused of swipin' 'em, so I'll quit."

### WHY HE SAWED.

One day I watched an old Dutchman repairing a platform. He was replacing a board that had been broken, and after measuring and sawing for some time he finally sat down on a pile of lumber, discouraged.

"What's the matter, Dick?" I asked. He scratched his head and then replied:

"I've sawed dat tam board off tree times, ant it is too short yet!"

### TONGUE TWISTERS.

Flesh of freshly-fried fish.  
Two toads, totally tired, tried to trot to Tedbury.  
The sea ceaseth, but sufficeth us.  
Give Grimes Jim's great gilt gig whip.

Strict, strong Stephen Stringer, snarled slickly, six sickly snakes.  
She stood at the door of Mrs. Smith's fish sauce shop welcoming him in.

Swan swam over the sea; swin swan; swan swam back again; well swam swan.

A haddock, a haddock, a black-spotted haddock, a black spot on the black back of a black haddock.

Susan shineth shoes and socks, socks and shoes, shineth Susan. She ceaseth shining shoes and socks, for socks and shoes shock Susan.

Peter Piper picked a peck of pickle peppers; a peck of pickle peppers, Peter Piper picked. If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickle peppers; where are the pickle peppers Peter Piper picked?—Selected.

"Anonymous" means without a name," said the teacher. "Now write a sentence showing that you understand how to use the word." A small girl wrote: "Our new baby is anonymous."—King's Own.

## Recent Poetry

### INDIAN SUMMER.

The trees are leafless, and the grass is dead  
Beneath the feet. The summer flowers sleep  
(Except a truant rose), the low skies weep  
At dawn, because the summer's fled:  
And yet within the gardens (gold and red)  
The brave chrysanthemums their vigil keep  
In colors of the summer; light winds heap  
The fallen leaves; the sun from overhead  
With warmth and cheer sends down his golden light  
Through the bare trees, or at the easement gleams.  
Through rosy twilight draws the quiet night—  
Anon, a bird-note falters, and the streams  
Of traffic cease, and in the softened light  
The soul of summer lingers still and dreams.  
—The Outlook.

### GRANDMOTHER'S COUNSEL

Grandmother says in her quaint old way:  
"World wasn't made in a day—a day;  
And the blue sky where the white clouds flit—  
Why, the Lord was six days paintin' it!  
"The way isn't sunny;  
But don't you fret;  
Cheer up, honey—  
You'll get there yet."

Grandmother says in her quaint old way:  
"World wasn't made in a day—a day;  
The meadow there, where you love to sit—  
Why, the Lord took time to carpet it!  
"The way isn't sunny;  
But don't you fret;  
Cheer up, honey—  
You'll get there yet."

And still to me in the fields and dells  
Her sweet voice rings like a chime of bells,  
And I dream brave dreams as I hear her say:  
"World wasn't made in a day—a day.  
"The way isn't sunny;  
But don't you fret;  
Cheer up, honey—  
You'll get there yet."

### OUT CALLING.

You play a little ping-pong,  
Have a little social chat;  
Then you get some candy fudge,  
Then she brings your hat;  
You hold her little hand in yours,  
And say "good night" as sweetly as you can—  
Now isn't that a strenuous time  
For a big, strong, healthy man?  
Eleven men on either side,  
A rush, a smash, a fall;  
A little mound in Calvary;  
Football—that's all!

"Why does your new baby cry so much?"  
"Say, if all your teeth were out, your hair off and your legs so weak that you couldn't stand on them, I rather fancy you'd feel like crying yourself."—Lippincott's.

The oil lamp has been abolished from the railroad cars of Canada by a recent enactment of the Dominion Railway Commission.

Smoking was a penal offense at one time in Turkey.

## The Home

### MOLASSES CAKE.

1 cup butter, 1 cup brown sugar, ½ cup molasses, 1 cup milk, 1½ pints flour, 1½ teaspoons Royal Baking Powder, 1 egg. Rub smooth the butter and sugar; add the milk, egg, and molasses; stir in flour, sifted with the powder; mix into a consistent batter, and bake in cake-tin 40 minutes.

### CHOCOLATE PUDDING.

Remove the crust from bread and cut the slices into fingers. Spread lightly with softened butter and pile loosely into a buttered baking dish. Pour over it a custard made in the proportion of one egg and one tablespoonful of sugar to one cupful of milk. Before pouring over the bread add melted chocolate, two-thirds of a square to one egg, a little cinnamon and a teaspoonful of vanilla. Cook over water in oven or on top of stove.

### CHOCOLATE CORN-STARCH PUDDING.

Four tablespoonfuls of corn-starch stirred into one pint of milk and cooked till thick. Add four tablespoonfuls of sugar and one and a half squares of melted chocolate. Remove from the fire and fold in the stiff whites of two eggs. Dip molds in water and fill with the pudding. Serve with a custard made of the yolks.

### FIFTEEN-MINUTE SOUP.

Put a quart can of tomatoes, a slice of onion, a level teaspoonful of salt, a bay leaf, a blade of mace and a pint of water or stock in a saucepan; bring to boiling point, and add two level tablespoonfuls of butter rubbed with four tablespoonfuls of flour; stir constantly until boiling; press through a sieve, re-heat, and serve with croitons.

### THE USE OF A LEMON NOT OFTEN APPRECIATED.

How little we appreciate all that a lemon will do for us, and it is a wise woman who always keeps one on her toilet table.

Lemon juice enters into one of the best hair tonics made, and is within every one's reach. The yolk of an egg is beaten to a smooth oil, the juice of a lemon is added, and when well mixed a few drops of ammonia. Brush the hair thoroughly and apply the mixture with the finger tips, and let it stay on the head for half an hour, and then wash off in several waters. This treatment renders the hair beautifully light and soft, and anyone trying it will be sure to find it successful.

Also, if you put a few drops of lemon juice upon the tooth brush once or twice a week you will keep your teeth free from tartar or discoloration. These are simple directions, but the simple things in life are often the ones that do the most good.

### BORAX FOR MANY USES.

It is one of the most powerful antiseptics known. It is used to wash the head—as much as one can hold in the hollow of the hand to about a quart of water. It destroys dandruff, it allays the heat of sun-burn, bleaches out tan and redness, helps freckles and moth to a great degree and is an invaluable ingredient in almost every dentifrice and cure for canker in the mouth and for any gum boil. It is a whitener and purifier everywhere when used with discretion. It softens hard water, whitens clothes without destroying them. It gives new lustre to glass. Lay silver in a hot solution of it and you will not have to cleanse it laboriously half so often.

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